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DEPARTMENT FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FISHLOW

SAN JOSE FOR SECRETARY'S DELEGATION (ASSISTANT SECRETARY ZROGERS AND DR. EINAUDI)

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- 1. SECRETARY GENERAL MARCHAND CALLED AMBASSADOR TODAY TO ASK WHETHER FISHLOW TEAM COULD POSTPONE ITS VISIT TO PERU BY AT LEAST ONE DAY GIVEN FACT THAT AMBASSADOR DE LA PUENTE PLANS RETURN TO LIMA FROM PARIS THIS FRIDAY. MARCHAND STRESSED TO AMBASSADOR THE IMPORTANCE OF DE LA PUENTE'S BACKGROUND AND EXPERTISE IN MARCONA MATTERS AND SUGGESTED THAT MEETINGS BE HELD FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AND NEXT MONDAY IF NECESSARY. HE ALSO MADE ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION THAT MEETINGS START NEXT MONDAY, MARCH 1, RATHER THAN THIS WEEK.
- 2. ON BASIS REFTELCON, DR. FISHLOW AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR TO MONDAY DATE TO GIVE DE LA PUENTE TIME TO READ INTO SITUATION. MONDAY DATE ALSO PROVIDES ADDITIONAL ADVANTAGE IN FACT THAT PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER KEY CABINET MEMBERS WILL BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL SATURDAY BUT WILL BE BACK IN TIME TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO PERUVIAN NEGOTIATORS BY MONDAY.

- 3. BROUSSET IS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING (FEBRUARY 24). EMBASSY, PER STATEREFTEL, WILL BE TALKING TO BROUSSET ABOUT VISIT OF MARCONA REPRESENTATIVES. NOTWITHSTANDING FACT THAT U.S. TEAM VISIT MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT MONDAY, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MARCONA REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO PERUVIANS ASAP.
- 4. WE ACCORDINGLY SUGGEST THAT YOU RECOMMEND TO MARCONA THAT BRADFIELD, PLUS OTHER SAN FRANCISCO HOME OFFICE OFFICIALS, PLAN TO COME TO PERU THIS WEEK FOR THEIR PRESENTATION, STAYING OVER IF THEY WISH DURING U.S. TEAM VISIT. WE WILL REPORT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE AS SOON AS RECONFIRMATION FOR U.S. TEAM VISIT TO BEGIN MARCH 1 RECEIVED. DEAN

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